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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

Nets in the Thunder Bay Area

Sunday AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ 0045Z (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team (CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

Monday SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

Tuesday 2M/ LARC ARES NET on VE3YQT 147.060- @ 7:00PM ET, and after this net is the new THUNDER BAY ARES DIGITAL NET on PSK31 between 1000 & 2000 WATERFALL 145.050 FM mode @ 7:30PM (usually starts after the 2m/ ares net)

Every Day The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: ve3mxj@rac.ca

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz) **pl 100**

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

IRLP Link in Upsala

I was up at the repeater today doing some work. I reconnected the Upsala link radio after replacing my power supply, and it appears to be working fine. The tone squelch is working as it should, and I can detect no hum if I listen to the transmit.

It would be good to get a signal report next time someone is in the area.

Warren Paulson, VE3FYN

Atikokan, ON CANADA

New Repeaters

VHF 147.390 + offset pl tone 107.2

UHF 442.825 + offset no tone at this time

These were installed at the old Hillcrest school, or whatever the new name is

Everything is working, although not happy with the old vhf antenna that is their now so will be looking to change as soon as we find something to replace it.

Terry VA3LU

Prez says

It is with heavy heart that I write this month's note. Keith Fiske VE3JQ passed away in his 99th year. I don't recall meeting Keith when I first got into Amateur Radio but it took a couple of field days and annual dinners to finally get the firm handshake. From there on, I remember him as a fine gentleman and an ever present voice on the nets that he loved to check into.

I talked to him a number of times on the air and at different club events but remember the first time I went to his house when he was a little more mobile. He came to the door with a big hello and smile, something that sticks with me to this day. He proudly took me to the big show in the basement and it was a sight to behold to the new guy. Keith powered up the shack and moved his chair into position and then pulled a second one to the desk and said "SIT". For about an hour, he moved through the different radios, telling stories about the good old days or who he talked to in the world today. I sat and listened to the stories of his life and hobby and his jobs that were so very closely interwoven. This man stuffed a lot into 99 years and it is too bad that his health wouldn't let him do all the rest he wanted to do. I heard of tales in the mighty motor home that he travelled in and the

friends that he met. The common theme of many of his stories was to not let the grass grow too long under foot. It seemed that he lived that just about every day.

A while back, I got a call from Keith to help put up his wire antenna that had fallen down. I noticed a little reluctant tone in his voice. It seemed to say, I wish I could still do this myself but I can't and I need some help. So with the help of Bill VE3XT, we set out to get Keith's antenna up and working. After some serious contemplation and divine guidance from Keith, we successfully got the antenna up and VE3JQ was on the air on 40M.

I stopped by one day to see how he was doing and found him in one of his favorite sunny spots in the backyard and he asked me to see if I could fix the fan on his Kenwood HF set. We went inside and proceeded to get the fan out of the radio and cleaned and greased the bearings. All the time, he talked and told many stories of his younger days working the field of communications. Memories that were dear to him gushed out and you would feel like you were part of that story.

Well, news came that his health was failing and I was asked by a few of the net operators, "Where's Keith, we haven't heard him on in a long time. You would explain and it was understood and hellos and 73's were sent in relay. Then the day came and I heard Keith had passed and became a silent key. I thought how sad, to be robbed of 100 years. Then, I stopped and thought, WHAT A GREAT LIFE!!! He had done so much and been so many places and had so many friends and memories, what a rich gentleman he was. Keith was the last founding member of the LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB and a senator in the group for many years. His voice will be missed from the airwaves and conversations.

I received a call from Bill and was asked to be a pallbearer at the family's request. What an honour and privilege it was and I accepted immediately. I would like to thank the Fiske family for allowing me to pay my respects to this fine man by charging our group to take him to his final resting place. To Dolores and Sharon, no words can take away the grief and loss of this man but know that he has touched us all in some way that will stay in our memories.

Keith Fiske, thanks for what you were and what you shared. Rest in peace OM and --... --

Transit of Venus

At sunset on June 5th, the planet Venus will move across the face of the sun. This is a rare event and will not occur again until 2114. Please view it safely and remember to **never** look directly at the sun. Use eclipse glasses or properly shielded equipment.

ARES Certification Course

Could you please send this to all ARES members. I am recommending that every are member please try and take this course. In the future it will be mandatory for any responder (amateur) or not to have this certification to be able to respond to any emergency.

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/training/ims100/ims100.html>

Thanks Brad VE3MXJ CEC.

Pleasant Surprise Florida QSO Party

I opened up the mail today and was surprised to find a certificate with my callsign on it for placing 2nd Place, Single Operator, CW Only, QRP , Canada...I played for a bit last April in it and plan to play again April 28th and 29th this year....Just goes to prove what can happen when you submit logs, be it big or small entries....

Cheers

Fred VE3FAL

Canwarn Training

will be on June 4th at 7pm room 191, or 194.at Confederation College.

New APRS Newsletter is out!

Nws & Views > Keith Fiske, VE3JQ (SK)| New Spring Contest | Venus Solar Transit | New Voice & Packet Repeaters - All Things Digital 002 - The Edison Effect (answer to the winter contest riddle Fred, VE3FAL callsign was drawn and he has been awarded his prize) - Keith Fiske, VE3JQ: Personality of the Month reprint from Dec. 1994 (in memory of the grand OM and last original founding member of the Lakehead Amateur Radio club in 1934)

APRS Odds & Ends > Meteor Scatter & APRS | Cross Country Wireless APRS Tracker | WX3in1 Plus APRS Advanced Digipeater | Ultralight APRS Flight Computer | AVMAP Geosat 6 APRS | EMAILC v1.2 Bidirectional Email APRS <-> INTERNET System

<http://my.tbaytel.net/va3rom>

RAC Bulletin 2012-023E - Distracted Driving in Ontario

On April 16 the MTO posted a regulatory notice proposing a change to Ontario Regulation # 366/09 (Display Screens and Hand-Held Devices) that would Extend the current exemption for licenced amateur radio operators for an additional five years.

As you know, the exemption was due to expire at the end of this calendar year, and Radio Amateurs of Canada has been lobbying for a permanent exemption since this regulation was introduced back in 2009. We will be providing comments to the Road User Safety Branch of MTO on this issue and will continue to press for a permanent exemption. That said, a 5-year extension is certainly welcome at this point but is not the ultimate resolution that we have been seeking.

The only other group to obtain an extension are commercial, public transit, and public function drivers.

You can view the notice in the provincial registry at:

<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postId=9043&language=en>

RAC and the Distracted Driving Committee wishes to thank all organisations that supplied letters of support to assist us in obtaining this extension. This shows the support we have from many Ontario organisations.

Bill Unger VE3XT - North/East Ontario Regional Director

Chair - RAC Distracted Driving Committee

Radio Amateurs of Canada

New Deputy Director

I am pleased to announce we have a Deputy Director for North East Ontario, he is Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA.

If you have any questions email him or myself.

Bill Unger VE3XT

North East Ontario Regional Director

Radio Amateurs of Canada

President Randy Gottfred VA3 OJ

Meeting called to order at 8:41pm, April 12, 2012

1. Guest Speaker: **Ralf Scraph**



Mr. Scraph gave an intriguing presentation on his time with the Inuit helping to create the newest territory of Nunavut.

2. Treasurers Report: Paul Curtin VA3PDC
Paul Curtin VA3PDC was unable to attend the meeting.

A motion was made to accept the report as published in HI – Q by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP.
The motion was seconded by Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Meeting minutes: Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD
A motion to accept the meeting minutes as published in HI – Q by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP.
The motion was seconded by Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Service:
Ten mile road race will be held may long weekend this year. More to come.

5. Repeater news: Terry Stewardson VA3LU

An ARES repeater will be installed at the former Hillcrest high school. An IRLP node will be perpetually connected to the public service reflector.

6. RAC Report: Bill Unger VE3XT
Bill spoke about the restructuring of the RAC sections

7. ARES: Brad Harris VE3MXJ
Repeater Meeting will be held April 19th

8. Hymers's Fair 100th Anniversary
Bill Unger VE3XT made the reservation for the clubs display location.

9. Trailer Report: Bob Hansen VE3RVA
LED Lights will be installed on the trailer.

10. Amateur of the year:
Congratulations to Lori Bedford VE3VAI. Many thanks are given to Lori for his contributions to the club and the general amateur community

11. 50/50: Karl Hamilton VE3RRP won!

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



CANWARN TRAINING

June 4th

Room 196 Confederation College

McIntyre Building

North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for May, 2012

By now you will have heard that Ontario Amateurs have a five year extension to the distracted driving legalisation. This is how many Amateurs across the province worked together with RAC to put forward our case and get some excellent results. Yes we did want a permanent exemption but I believe in 5 years the technology will be so different and quite possible this will not be an issue. We have not given up on a permanent exemption however.

Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA agreed to be the Deputy Director for North East Ontario Region. Glenn is the current President of the Ottawa ARC and brings an impressive skill set to the table. Please reference the bulletin 2012-24E on the RAC webpage at <http://www.rac.ca/> for more details on his appointment. If you want to contact him his email is ve3xra@rac.ca

On April 18th I was invited to speak via Skype to the Quinte ARC in Bellville. 28 members were in attendance and we had a great meeting. This month also marks the 65th anniversary of the Quinte Amateur Club. Congratulations and I am looking forward to meeting you again via Skype. The call worked well and I would be pleased to do the same for any clubs in the North East Region. I am hoping to do a lot more of this in the future as it gives you a chance to talk to me directly and tell me what you think of how RAC is doing. If you are a member of a club and want me to “visit” your next meeting send me an email with details.

Help Wanted. RAC is run by volunteers and to be honest we need some. Geoff, VE4BAW has indicated that he will not stand for President and is looking forward to a well deserved rest. If you have management and financial skills would you consider stepping up to volunteer? We also are looking for a Treasurer. The ideal candidate would have a CA, CMA or CGA designation. The Treasurer would be an overseer position as the Office Clerk is doing the day to day financial transactions. We also are looking for a Coordinator of Philanthropy for RAC. This position would set up and administer a Philanthropy program to benefit RAC. If you have any experience in this field please contact me.

Being a volunteer for the last few years as a Director has been a great experience as I have met countless Amateurs not only from North East Ontario but right across the country and I have enjoyed all the conversations. Please give it a thought.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario Regional Director
Radio Amateurs of Canada

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| Mon | Tue LARC ARES Net | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 LARC Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Victoria Day & 10 mile road race | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | June 4th CANWARN TRAINING |